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## Michigan Farm Market, U-Pick & Ag Tourism directories available from Sen. Toy

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**LANSING** – State Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, announced today that copies of the latest Michigan Farm Market, U-Pick & Ag Tourism Directory are now available through her office.

The 2004-2005 directories identify U-Pick products and provide complete farm addresses for mapping and directional purposes.

"These directories are important resources for residents and tourists to use in order to visit farmers' markets and enjoy all the fresh produce and seasonal activities that Michigan has to offer," Toy said. "Agriculture is our second largest industry in this state and it is important to support our Michigan farmers."

The directory includes a listing of more than 300 farm markets, farmers' markets and U-Pick farms where consumers can find eggs, fresh baked goods, maple syrup, apple cider, Christmas trees, wine, and jams and jellies to name a few.

Listings are divided by region, county, farm markets or U-Pick farms and include website addresses, a description of products available and a regional map. The guide also comes with a "Produce Availability Calendar," which lists when particular products are available.

Also included is a listing of Ag Tourism businesses that offer events and seasonal activities from picnic areas and petting farms to hayrides and corn mazes.

"These guides will allow Michiganders and tourists to take full advantage of all the wonderful agricultural tourism opportunities throughout our great state," Toy said. "I am pleased to be able to make these directories available."

Residents of the 6th Senate District interested in obtaining a guide may contact Toy's office at 517-373-1707 or by e-mail at senltoy@senate.michigan.gov.